

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

**Mansfield Town Hall  
Town Council Chambers**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

Present: Steve Bacon, Mona Friedland, Matt Hart, June Krisch, Bonnie Kumiega, Toni Moran, Diana Pelletier, and Paul Shapiro

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm, Dee Goodrich

Other Attendees: Marie Cantino, John Carrington, Lou Deloreto, Rudy Favretti, Maggie Ferron, Todd Friedland, Jennifer Kaufman, Henry Krisch, Chris Kueffner, Lou Marquet, Peter Millman, Linda Painter, Fran Raiola, Bill Ryan, Pat Schneider, Ben Shaiken, Sean Vasington, Curt Vincente, Jim Watt, Emily Wicks

**1. Call to Order**

Vice President Steve Bacon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He said the Partnership, along with property owners LeylandAlliance, and EdR, are interested in enlivening some of the public and private publicly used spaces in Storrs Center. The goal is to create inviting places for visitors.

Kristin Schwab, UConn Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, and her students were hired to develop a plan for these publicly used spaces.

The Partnership and UConn team invite the attendees' input.

**2. Presentation and Workshop on DRAFT Public Spaces Plan for Storrs Center**

Ms. Schwab and UConn Landscape Architecture students Michael Bruno, Yuting Liu, Guang Zhou, and Myles Simon presented a Power Point presentation on a plan for the use of public spaces in Storrs Center.

The presentation included background on the prior comprehensive public spaces plan that Ms. Schwab and two of her students had developed for the Mansfield Downtown Partnership in 2012; a review of the inventory, analysis & preliminary recommendations for wayfinding signage and street furniture; and a review of design concepts for key individual spaces of the

Dog Lane Courtyard, Storrs Road/Royce Circle Passage, Wilbur Cross Way East/West Promenade, Wilbur Cross Way Parklet, Royce Circle/Elsie Marsh Way, in front and across from the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, and the Wilbur Cross Way entrance from Charles Smith Way/area adjacent to the Storrs-Mansfield Post Office.

Attendees offered feedback.

Mr. Bacon said the group will come back to the Partnership's Planning and Design Committee in April for further review.

There were no actions taken, resolutions adopted, contracts committed or votes held.

### **3. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

*Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.*